

REMARKS

These remarks are in response to the Office action dated October 11th, 2006. Applicant has amended claim 6 in respect of a minor informality only. Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. Applicant appreciates Examiner's thorough search and review of the present application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nelson et al. (US Publication 2004/0243343, hereinafter referred to as "Nelson").

Applicant requests reconsideration and removal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-8, for at least the following reasons:

Claims 1-5

Claim 1 recites in part:

'...the enterprise server comprising:

an information maintaining module for adding, modifying, inquiring and deleting the information on the enterprise, contracts, materials and customs;

a records posting module for generating records for posting in customs according to the information on the enterprise, contracts and materials, for transmitting the records to the customs server, and for storing the records in a database; and

a customs data synchronizing module for synchronizing customs information stored in the database based on the content of feedback from the customs server, and for updating corresponding records accordingly'.

Applicant submits that Nelson does not disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest the invention having the above-described features as set forth in claim 1.

On page 2 of the current Office action, it is indicated that a monitoring system disclosed by Nelson comprises a customer site 104, a web server 106, a customer service center 108, a center server 110, and a database 114 (See Figure 2). Applicant also notes that Nelson teaches the customer site 104 communicates with the web server 106, the web server 106 communicates with the central server 110, and the central server 110 communicates with the database 114 (lines 2-6, paragraph [0039]). However, applicant respectfully disagrees that the center server 110 of Nelson corresponds to the enterprise server in claim 1 of the present application. According to Nelson, there is nothing mentioned in relation to the central server 110 about an information maintaining module, a records posting module, or a customs data synchronizing module. That is, Nelson fails to disclose or suggest that the enterprise server comprises the information maintaining module, the records posting module, and the customs data synchronizing module, as recited in claim 1 of the present application. Since the enterprise server claimed herein includes various function modules, the internal structure of the enterprise server of claim 1 is patentably distinct from the central server 110 disclosed by Nelson.

Furthermore, each of these function modules has respective functions directed to posting records in customs, as recited in claim 1 of the present application. For example: the information maintaining module is used for adding, modifying, inquiring and deleting the information on the enterprise, contracts, materials and customs; the records posting module is used for generating records for posting in customs according to the information on the enterprise, contracts and materials, for transmitting the records to the customs server, and for storing the records in a database; and the customs data synchronizing module is used for synchronizing customs information

stored in the database based on the content of feedback from the customs server, and for updating corresponding records accordingly. The above-described function modules are not disclosed or suggested by Nelson.

In addition, Nelson teaches that a registered case is monitored by detecting data changes and providing a notification of those data changes (lines 1-2, paragraph [0014]). Nelson also teaches that the registered case is monitored by receiving an update on a subject and determining that the subject is part of the registered case, and then storing updated data for the subject for future notification delivery (lines 3-6, paragraph [0014]). It is understood that the registered case as disclosed by Nelson is monitored by detecting data changes, updating subject information, and providing a notification of the data changes from the customer service center 108. However, the central server 110 of Nelson does not synchronize information of the registered case based on the notification of the data changes from the customs server, and does not update corresponding information of the registered case. That is, Nelson clearly fails to disclose or suggest the feature of synchronizing customs information stored in the database based on the content of feedback from the customs server, and updating corresponding records accordingly, as recited in claim 1 of present application.

In summary, the limitations of the enterprise server as claimed herein are plainly distinguishable from the central server 110 disclosed by Nelson, in terms of both internal structures and functions. Accordingly, Nelson clearly fails to disclose, teach, or even suggest the present invention having the above-described limitations as set forth in claim 1. That is, claim 1 is not only novel under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Nelson, but also unobvious and patentable under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Nelson. Reconsideration and removal of the rejection and allowance of claim 1 are requested.

Since claims 2-5 depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 1 and respectively recite additional subject matter, claims 2-5 should also be allowable.

Claims 6-8

Claim 6, as amended, recites in part:

'providing a system for monitoring and maintaining information on an enterprise, contracts, materials and customs;

enquiring of a status of information on the enterprise, contracts and materials, and determining whether corresponding records for posting in customs have been generated;

generating any corresponding records that have not been generated; transmitting the records to the customs server, and storing the records in the database; and

receiving and storing feedback on the records from the customs server, *determining whether the records need to be modified as a result of the feedback, and synchronizing customs information and modifying the records accordingly if modification is needed*'.

Referring to and incorporating herein the reasons regarding the patentability of claim 1, applicant submits that Nelson does not disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest the invention having the above-described features as set forth in amended claim 6.

Specifically, it is submitted that Nelson's system does not provide how to enquire a status of business information, how to synchronize business information, nor anything about the above-highlighted claimed functions. There is no illustrative instance in Nelson's system (nor in any of the other cited references) of the manner of enquiring of a status and synchronizing customs information on the enterprise, contracts and materials, as provided in claim 6 of the present application. That is, Nelson fails to teach or suggest the features of enquiring of a status of information

on the enterprise, contracts and materials; and synchronizing customs information and modifying the records accordingly if modification is needed, as claimed in claim 6 of the present application.

Accordingly, Nelson clearly fails to disclose, teach, or even suggest the present invention having the above-described limitations as set forth in amended claim 6. That is, claim 6 is not only novel under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Nelson, but also unobvious and patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Nelson. Reconsideration and removal of the rejection and allowance of claim 6 are requested.

Since claims 7-8 depend from independent claim 6, and respectively recite additional subject matter, claims 7-8 should also be allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the subject application is believed to be in a condition for allowance, and an action to such effect is earnestly solicited.

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